

AGENDA NO. 11.MEETING DATE June 26, 2012**TITLE AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR A JOINT GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE
GRANT WITH THE CITY OF HAYWARD**☐ MOTION ☒ RESOLUTION ☐ ORDINANCE**RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

Authorize an agreement with the City of Hayward (COH) to apply for a joint local groundwater grant; and authorize staff to apply for and if awarded receive grant funding from the State of California's Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) Grant Program.

SUMMARY

The State of California, Department of Water Resources, Division of Integrated Regional Water Management (DWR), is accepting applications for the Proposition 84 LGA Grant Program with maximum grant awards of \$250,000. EBMUD and COH are planning to prepare a joint grant application for work to further characterize the local groundwater basin. The proposed agreement with the COH describes roles and responsibilities for the application and future project work should a grant be awarded. The specific authorizing resolution is required in the application packet.

DISCUSSION

An LGA grant would be used by EBMUD to further the data collection and characterization of the South East Bay Plain Groundwater Basin (SEBP Basin or the Basin). The \$250,000 grant would be used to install a new monitoring well in the northern portion of the SEBP Basin and install electronic instrumentation in existing COH monitoring wells. Information collected from this effort would build upon SEBP Basin knowledge, and would be used to further update the Groundwater Management Plan (GMP) for the SEBP Basin, which is currently being prepared by EBMUD with support from other basin stakeholders.

The proposed agreement between EBMUD and COH would describe the joint responsibilities of preparing a grant application and the scope of work for the grant, should the application be successful. The application will be prepared jointly by EBMUD and COH staff. As part of the application package, EBMUD (as the lead agency) must submit a grant-program specific resolution regarding the District's ability to enter into an agreement for funding.

Funds Available: FY12-FY13		Budget Code: WSC/WNR/455/2005969:01
DEPARTMENT SUBMITTING Water and Natural Resources	DEPARTMENT MANAGER or DIRECTOR Richard G. Sykes	APPROVED General Manager

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FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available for the grant administration effort as part of the FY12/FY13 CIP.

ALTERNATIVES

Do not authorize the grant application. This alternative is not recommended because grant funding will advance the understanding of the SEBP Basin at no additional cost to the District; and a partnership approach with the COH illustrates the District's commitment to work with other SEBP Basin stakeholders.

Perform this work with District and/or COH funding. This alternative is not recommended because grant funding is available. If that funding is not available, the District would defer this work to a future CIP.

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Attachments:

1. Grant Application Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF A LOCAL GROUNDWATER ASSISTANCE GRANT
AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT IF AWARDED

Introduced by Director

; Seconded by Director

WHEREAS, East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) has a vested interest in the sustainability of the South East Bay Plain Groundwater Basin (SEBP Basin) by virtue of the operation of its Bayside Groundwater Project Phase 1, a supplemental supply project sited in the SEBP Basin, and by virtue of the potential that the Bayside Groundwater Project could be expanded in the future consistent with the District's Water Supply Management Program 2040; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature enacted the Local Groundwater Assistance (LGA) Act of 2000 for the purpose of providing grants to local public agencies to conduct groundwater studies or to carry out groundwater monitoring and management activities; and

WHEREAS, LGA Act grant funding is currently available pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 in Public Resource Code Section 75001 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, EBMUD has an interest in obtaining LGA Act grant funding in order to study the SEBP Basin and develop a better understanding of projects affecting the SEBP Basin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors for the East Bay Municipal Utility District hereby:

1. Authorizes the submittal of a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant Application to the California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Water Resources, Division of Integrated Regional Water Management; and

2. Authorizes the EBMUD Director of Water and Natural Resources, or his designee, upon award, to enter into an agreement with the California Department of Water and Natural Resources.

ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

President

ATTEST:

Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE:

General Counsel

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